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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to encourage you to NOT take away smaller telecom company's access to critical unbundled network elements. Like other industries, we must continue to have fair and open competition in the telecom industry. Smaller companies who are trying to compete with huge corporation like AT&T must continue to have access to these unbundled elements if they are to provide consumers alternatives to the types of services (usually sub-par services) larger corporations would prefer to herd consumers into. In addition to this, if large telecom corporations end up getting their way on this issue, it will undoubtedly force consumers to pay much higher prices for the new sub-par services or ridiculously higher prices for the same services we have now. There is nothing open or fair about that!

My family has been a DSL and now fiber customer at our home for more than 15 years. I am self-employed and work out of my home while my wife works from home at least a day a week and we have two boys, one is a high school student and the other is an engineering student attending college. Having a reliable broadband connection at home is critical for all of us to be able to accomplish our tasks, for everything from my wife being able to log into her work servers in a reliable, un-disrupted manner to my college-aged son being able to run the complex online software he needs for his school projects. Without broadband, many of the tasks we need to do online would be almost impossible to do. Why? Because large corporations want to increase their profit margin!

I am in no way against large companies increasing their profits. But allowing them to do so while crippling their smaller competitors and in turn eliminating the choices consumers will have is simply wrong. Capitalism, like democracy, comes with a responsibility, and we all have a role to play in that. You as the regulators of the telecom industry have a responsibility to not only support telecom companies of all sizes but consumers as well. So I again ask that you reject AT&T's (USTelecom's) efforts to have you eliminate their competition for them. If AT&T wants to maintain its influence on the market, great, let them create products and services that top their competitors' and to do so at fair prices. Once they do, I will be one of the first people to switch. But trying to deregulate an industry that is functioning so well so they can then use their unfair advantages to eliminate their competition is not the way to go about it and I ask you to make sure they are not successful in their efforts.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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